Finances.—The total demand under Excise revenue inclusive of the arrears of Rs. 13,827 amounted to Rs. 1,78,89,460 of which a sum of Rs. 1,78,07,107 (Rs. 1,24,14,911) towards current demand and a sum of Rs. 4,961 (Rs. 11,133) towards old arrears were collected and a sum of Rs. 4,214 was remitted, leaving a balance of Rs. 73,178 at the end of the year. The expenditure of the department amounted to Rs. 4,85,030 (Rs. 4,45,016). The incidence of taxation per head of the population was Rs. 2-5-7 (Rs. 1-10-5). The amount refunded to privileged inamdars on account of toddy revenue was Rs. 62,432 (Rs. 85,893).

Prohibition.—The experimental scheme of prohibition in the Rural Welfare Centre of Closepet and Chennapatna Taluks was continued during the year. The shops in this area were gradually closed as a result of which there were no shops in Channapatna Taluk. There were only one arrack, one Ganja and two toddy shops in Closepet Taluk.

General.—The Act providing for the levy of excise duties on betelnut, coffee and tea was passed in August 1944. Three District Excise Officers were appointed with necessary subordinate staff to deal with the work connected with this Act.

The rates for the price and duty payable by the licensees and the retail selling rates of special liquors prescribed by Government in March 1944 were continued during the year. The duty on Ganja was further enhanced to Rs. 55 per seer of 80 tolas from the 1st July 1945 and the minimum selling price was enhanced to Re 0-14-8 per tola. The issue price of Ganja fixed at Rs. 2-8-0 per seer of 80 tolas continued to be in force. The issue price of molasses arrack of 35° U. P. fixed at Rs. 2-8-0 per gallon continued to be in force. The issue price of opium was raised to Rs. 140 per seer of 80 tolas from 1st July 1945 and the minimum selling rate of the same was fixed at Rs. 2-4-0 per tola. The duty on imports of Indian-made foreign liquors was enhanced to Rs. 30 per proof gallon.

Observation.—The working of the department was generally satisfactory.

J. B. MALLARADHYA, *Rev. Secy.*

GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Sanctions the appointment of Mr. K. H. Halappa, Shimoga, as an Additional Member of the Committee constituted for the Development of the Malnad.

READ—

Government Orders No. S. R. 2472-551—E. C. 21-45-1, dated 21st December 1945 and No. 3830-90—C. B. 290-45-1, dated 17th April 1946 constituting a Committee to suggest a plan for the Development of the Malnad.

ORDER NO. 4336-51—C. B. 290-45-3, DATED BANGALORE, THE 16TH MAY 1946.

Government are pleased to appoint Mr. K. H. Halappa, Shimoga, as an additional member of the Committee referred to in the Government orders read above.

MOHAMED ISMAIL SHERIFF, *Genl. Secy.*

Opening an Agricultural Experimental Farm at Anandapuram.

READ—

Letter No. Fl. 96—45-46, dated 23rd February 1945, from the Director of Agriculture in Mysore, submitting proposals for opening an Agricultural Experimental Farm at Kenchigepura Yadehalli near Anandapuram, Shimoga District.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. L. Dis. C. 3355—44-45, dated 30th June 1945, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, stating that S. Nos. 165, 167 and 168 of Kenchigepura Yadehalli in Sagar Taluk are available for being placed at the disposal of the Agricultural Department for opening an Agricultural Experimental Farm.

3. Un-official Note No. E. C. F. 906, dated 3rd December 1945, from the Commissioner of Economic Development and Planning, forwarding the resolution of the Board of Agriculture of the Economic Conference held on 8th November 1945 regarding the opening of an experimental farm at Anandapuram.

ORDER NO. A. F. 6060-65—AGRI. 194-44-4, DATED BANGALORE, THE 21ST MAY 1946.

It is reported by the Director of Agriculture that out of the total area of about 7½ lakhs of acres under paddy cultivation in the State more than half the area lies in the malnad districts of Shimoga, Kadur and Hassan, the cultivation of which depends mainly on the seasonal rainfall. The average production per acre of paddy in this area has not been more than five pallas per acre at any time. The experience gained by the department during the preceding years in the malnad tracts has revealed that there are many possibilities of increasing the yield of paddy per acre by using suitable strains. Some of the strains evolved on the Bikli Paddy Experimental Station have given consistently good yields varying from 18 to 22 pallas per acre. It has been further discovered that any one strain suited for a particular locality cannot be automatically recommended for all the localities comprising the Malnad as the seasonal conditions, soil classification and other governing causes and rainfall and altitude are not all quite similar and react differently to various strains. The Director has therefore proposed the opening of an Experimental Farm on an area of about 30 acres of Government lands, both wet and dry, in Survey Nos. 165, 167 and 168 of Kenchigepura Yadehalli near Anandapuram, Shimoga District, at a recurring cost of Rs. 6,300 and a non-recurring expenditure of Rs. 18,750 as detailed in the appended statement.

The Revenue Commissioner who was consulted has stated that these S. Nos. are available for this purpose. The Board of Agriculture have approved of the scheme and recommended its adoption.

In the circumstances mentioned, Government are pleased to accord sanction to the above scheme.

The expenditure on this account during the current year will be met from the provision of Rs. 20,000 made under "27. Agril.—Demonstration and Experiments—Additional Paddy Breeding Stations."

The Comptroller to Government is requested to make provision in this account in the budget of 1946-47 and following years.

The Revenue Commissioner is requested to hand over possession of the S. Nos. 165, 167 and 168 of Kenchigepura Yadehalli near Anandapuram, Shimoga District, to the Agricultural Department forthwith.

MOHAMED ISMAIL SHERIFF, *Genl. Secy.*

ANNEXURE.

		Rs.	a.	p.
RECURRING EXPENDITURE.—				
1. Establishment—				
	One Agricultural Inspector on Rs. 50-5-100	1,024	0	0
	One maistry (a local man who will also be a labour recruiter) on Rs. 20-1-30 ...	313	5	4
	One peon on Rs. 12	144	0	0
	Special locality allowance at 20 per cent of the salary to Agricultural Inspector and maistry.	267	7	6
2.	Bullockmen 3 on Rs. 12-1/2-15	501	9	7
	Labourers 2 do	334	6	5
	Do 3 on Rs. 12	432	0	0
3.	Travelling allowance	100	0	0
4.	Temporary labour	1,000	0	0
5.	Livestock and feed (2 pairs at Rs. 20 and 4 pairs at Rs. 12)	1,056	0	0
6.	Implements and machinery	100	0	0
7.	Seeds and manures	500	0	0
8.	General contingencies	500	0	0
	For rounding	27	3	2
	Total ...	6,300	0	0

NON-RECURRING EXPENDITURE.—

1.	Repairs to sluice	400	0	0
2.	Levelling and formation of plots at Rs. 40 per acre (about 25 acres) ...	1,000	0	0
3.	Bullocks—two pairs at Rs. 250 per pair	500	0	0
	He-buffaloes—four at Rs. 50 per pair	200	0	0
4.	Implements—6 Mysore ploughs, 2 K. M. cultivators, 6 Eureka ploughs, 12 country ploughs, 1 iron levelling board, 2 woodden levelling planks, Heggunte, etc.	500	0	0
5.	Hand tools—12 Mumties, 6 pickaxes, 24 sickles, 3 crowbars, 6 billhooks, 2 axes, 15 buckets, 6 iron pans, 4 iron pots, etc.	200	0	0
6.	Buildings.—Office and stores	4,000	0	0
	Cattle staff	2,000	0	0
	Agricultural Inspector's quarters	2,000	0	0
	Maistry's quarters	1,000	0	0
	Cooly sheds (4 blocks of 2 each)	4,000	0	0
	Granary for storing paddy	500	0	0
	Drinking water well	1,000	0	0
7.	Tins, trays, cloth bags, bins, etc.	700	0	0
8.	Furniture	250	0	0
9.	Bullock cart	250	0	0
10.	One single barrel gun	250	0	0
	Total ...	18,750	0	0

DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT

Passes orders constituting the Central Nutrition Advisory Committee in the State.

ORDER NO. SD. 8523-36—R. 23-45-13, DATED BANGALORE, THE 23RD MAY 1946.

Government are pleased to direct that a Central Nutrition Advisory Committee be constituted in the State with the following personnel to advise Government on matters relating to nutrition:—

CHAIRMAN.

1. The Minister for Law.

SECRETARY.

2. The Deputy Director of Public Health.

MEMBERS.

3. The Director of Public Health in Mysore.
4. The Director of Food Supplies in Mysore.
5. The Additional Director of Food Supplies.
6. The Secretary to Government, Development Department.
7. The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
8. The Director of Public Instruction in Mysore.
9. The Director of Agriculture in Mysore.
10. The Senior Surgeon with the Government of Mysore.
11. The Chief Medical Officer, Women's Hospitals.
12. The Superintendent of Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Services in Mysore.
13. The Fisheries Officer.
14. The Rationing Officer, Bangalore City.
15. Dr. V. Subramanyan, Professor of Bio-chemistry, Indian Institute of Science.
16. Mrs. Ratnamma Isaac, M. L. C., Shankarapuram.

C. E. NORONHA, *Dev. Secy.*
(Food Supplies).

EDUCATION SECRETARIAT

Directs the payment of half the actual rates of dearness allowances sanctioned by the managements of certain Aided Institutions subject to a maximum of Rs. 5 per head.

READ—

Government Order No. E. 5947-8—Edn. 42-42-104, dated 27th May 1944, sanctioning, among others, payment of grant towards dearness allowance from 1st January 1944 to the end of June 1944, to the training substitutes, employees of Government Hostels, Municipal High Schools, Aided Institutions under Private Management and *Sanskrit Patasalas* in the State subject to certain conditions.

2. The undermentioned Government Orders, sanctioning the continuance, from time to time until further orders, of the payment of grant towards dearness allowance sanctioned in the Government Order read above.—

(1) Government Order No. E. 533-4 Edn. 42-42-105, dated 27th July 1944.
(2) Government Order No. E. 3791-2—Edn. 135-44-2, dated 1st February 1945.
(3) Government Order No. E. 5305-6—Edn. 135-44-6, dated 30th April 1945.

3. Government Order No. Fl. 4152-1215—S. & A. 160 44-1, dated 27th March 1945, sanctioning, among others, enhanced rates of dearness allowance to employees in the several Departments of Government with effect from 1st January 1945 until further orders.

4. Government Order No. E. 2035-36—Edn. 135-44-10, dated 18th October 1945, sanctioning the enhancement of the rate of grant towards dearness allowance to the employees, referred to in the Government Order, dated 27th May 1944 read above, by rupee one per head per mensem uniformly with effect from 1st January 1945 subject to the conditions specified in the Government Orders read above.

5. Letter No. D1. 2803-105 of 45-46, dated 16th March 1946, from the Director of Public Instruction, in the matter of enhancement of the rate of grant towards dearness allowance to the employees of schools under private managements.

ORDER NO. E. 7235-6—EDN. 110-45-30, DATED BANGALORE, THE 21ST MAY 1946.

The Director reports that while teachers in aided institutions are asking for higher rates of dearness allowance, the managements are unable to pay the dearness allowance at the rates sanctioned to Government employees as their share of the cost with the existing rates of grants for the purpose will be too heavy for them to bear. He states that it is desirable that the grant towards dearness allowance should be at least half the actual cost, so that the managements may be encouraged thereby to meet the reasonable demand made by their employees for enhancement of the dearness allowance.

The Director, therefore, recommends sanction to the payment, with effect from 1st January 1946, of grant towards dearness allowance to the employees of all the types of aided institutions, referred to in the Government Order, dated 27th May 1944 read above, at half the actual rates of allowances sanctioned by the managements subject to the limit of the maximum of the scales sanctioned to Government employees at Bangalore and other places, the other conditions specified in the Government Orders read above being observed. The extra cost on this account is estimated to be Rs. 36,000 (rupees thirty-six thousand only) per annum.

Government are pleased to sanction the recommendation of the Director of Public Instruction to pay half the actual rates of dearness allowances sanctioned by the managements subject to a maximum of Rs. 5 (rupees five only) per head. The extra cost during the current year will be met from the general savings in the budget of the department and necessary provision will be made in the budget of the next year.

N. S. HIRANNAYYA, *Edn. Secy*

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT

Sanctions the constitution of a Sub-Committee for drafting a report on the measures to be taken for looking after the health and sanitation of the policy-holders of the Government Insurance Department.

READ—

Letter No. A. V. G. 365, dated the 12th March 1946, from the Secretary, Mysore Government Life Insurance Department, forwarding for approval of Government, the resolution of the Insurance Committee, proposing the constitution of a sub-committee for drafting a report on the measures to be taken for looking after the health and sanitation of the policy-holders of the Insurance Department.